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BARDING, NATHANIEL, an original proprietor and settler of Hartford, had his house lot on Lord's hill. His second wife was Abigail the widow of Wm. Andrews. He died in 1674, leaving no sons, but a daughter

Sarah, who m. Thomas Spencer, who had a grandson Nat. Barding Spencer to perpetuate the name.

BARTLETT, ROBERT, an original proprietor and settler of Hartford, lived on the west side of a street running south from the rear of the College ground, now closed. He early removed to Northampton in 1655. He had a daughter

Deborah born in 1645.

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BIRCHWOOD, (Birchard,) THOMAS, an original proprietor and settler of Hartford, lived on the west side of Trumbull street. He removed to Saybrook, which town he represented in the General Court in 1650 and 51. Thomas Bircher, probably the same man, was admitted a freeman in Mass. in 1637. His daughter?

Sarah, m. Bartholomew Barnard in 1647, who inherited part of his real estate in Hartford.

BLISS, THOMAS, Sen. and Jun., original settlers of Hartford, had adjoining house lots on the east side of the street west of West street, now closed; which they sold in 1650, and removed to Springfield.

BLUMFIELD, WILLIAM, an original proprietor and settler of Hartford, lived on Bliss street north of the College lot. He was admitted a freeman in Mass. in 1635. He sold out as early as 1644, and removed, perhaps to New Jersey.

ELY, NAT., [continued,] represented Norwalk in the General Court in 1656.

HIGGINSON, JOHN, [corrected,] was among the first settlers of Hartford, though he appears not to have had a house lot. He was, I suppose, a school-

NOTE.—The names of heads of families are printed in small capitals, and those of their children immediately follow. The numbers at the left hand refer to the succeeding heads of families, and to the corresponding notices. The dates preceding and following the names denote the times of birth and death. m. stands for married, d., died, and b., born.

master in Hartford, and may have occasionally "stepped into the pulpit." By his early removal, he lost most of his interest in the town. His wife sold some property in 1638. He was the son of Rev. Francis Higginson of Salem, b. 1616, and came with his father to this country in 1629. He was a preacher in 1637, and officiated some time as chaplain at Saybrook fort. He removed in 1641 to Guilford; and to Salem, Mass. in 1659, where he was ordained in 1660. He died in 1708 aged 92, having been a minister of the gospel 72 years, leaving a son John.

1 HOOKER, THOMAS,

2 John,

3 Samuel, 1697,

4 Sarah,

5 Joanna, 1646,

6 Mary.

3 SAMUEL, Rev.

7 1659 Thomas,

8 61 Samuel, 1730,

9 63 William, 1689,

10 65 John, 1746,

11 66 James,

12 68 Roger, 1698,

13 71 Nathaniel, 1711,

14 73 Mary,

15 75 Hezekiah, 1686,

16 78 Daniel, 1742,

17 81 Sarah.

1 Thomas, Rev., was born at Marfield, Leicestershire, in England, about 1586, and was educated at Cambridge, England. He left a widow Susanna.

2 John, Rev. returned to England to be married, where he remained against his father's will, and settled in Maseworth, Bucks.

3 Samuel, Rev. graduated at Harvard in 1653, and was pastor of the church in Farmington, from 1655 to his death.

From him most or all the Hookers of New England, are descended. He m. Mary Willett of Swansea. His second wife Susanna m. Rev. Stephen Buckingham, of Norwalk.

4 Sarah m. Rev. John Wilson, of Medford.

5 Joanna m. Rev. Thomas Shepard of Cambridge, as his second wife.

6 Mary m. Rev. Roger Newton, of Farmington and Milford.

7 Thomas, Dr. m. Mary, widow of Richard Lord, in 1686, and resided in Hartford, where he died without children, and gave his estate to his nephew, Thomas.

8 Samuel m. Mehetabel Hamlin of Middletown in 1687, who d. in Hartford in 1749.

9 William, merchant, lived on the Zenas Cowles corner in Farmington. His widow Susanna m. John Blackleach, a noted merchant.

10 John, Esq. was one of the most substantial men in the colony. He represented Farmington in the General Court from 1699 to 1723, during which time he was clerk three sessions, and speaker six sessions. In 1723 he was chosen assistant, which office he held eleven years, during eight of which he was judge of the Superior Court. He m. Abigail Standley in 1687, who d. in 1743.

11 James, Esq. represented Guilford in the General Court from 1702 to 1723.

12 Roger died in Hartford without issue.

13 Nathaniel, merchant, lived and traded south of the centre church in Hartford, on the north half of the Standley lot, which he inherited by his wife Mary Standley, whom he m. in 1698. On his death she m. John Austin also a merchant. He represented Hartford in the General Court from 1709 to his death.

14 Mary m. Rev. James Pierpont, New Haven, in 1698.

16 Daniel, graduated at Harvard, and was the first tutor in Yale College. He was a physician, though invited to preach as a candidate in Farmington. He lived in Wethersfield, where he probably died, though his descendants lived in West Hartford. He m. Sarah Standley of Hartford, in 1706.

17 Sarah m. Stephen Buckingham, of Norwalk.

1 PANTRY, WILLIAM,	1 William was in Cam-
2 <i>John</i> , 1653.	bridge in 1634, and ad-
2 JOHN,	mitted a freeman in 1635.
3 <i>Mary</i> , unmar.	He was one of the weal-
4 <i>Hannah</i> , 1675,	thiest of the original pro-
5 1650 <i>John</i> , 1736, a. S6	prietors and settlers of
5 JOHN,	Hartford. He lived on
6 <i>John</i> , 1713,	the west side of Front
7 1678 <i>Abigail</i> ,	street, between State st.

8 *Hannah*, and the Little river. He
 9 1692 *Rebekah*, 1775. died early, leaving his
 6 JOHN, Hadley, property to his son.
 10 1712 *Abigail*, 1765. 2 John left a widow
 Hannah, who m. Thomas Welles, Esq. in 1654. She
 died in 1683, and left considerable estate.

5 John was for many years superannuated, and at his death left to his children and grand-children an immense estate, including a pasture of 25 acres, on the east side of Front street.

6 John removed to Hadley, where he died. His widow Mary removed to Farmington, with her only child Abigail.

7 Abigail married Richard Goodman, who inherited the west part of the Pantry farm in West Hartford, on which the meeting house now stands and westward, where his son Timothy lived. From her are descended most of the Goodmans in this vicinity.

8 Hannah married Hezekiah Goodwin, who named his son, John Pantry, to perpetuate the name. She inherited a great estate in East Hartford, and in Pantry's pasture.

9 Rebekah married Nathaniel Jones, in 1713, who had sons Pantry and John Pantry. She also inherited property in East Hartford, and in the pasture east of Front street.

10 Abigail married John, the son of Rev. Samuel Whitman, in Farmington, in 1736. They removed to the eastern part of the Pantry farm in West Hartford, now in the possession of her descendant Samuel Whitman, through which the turnpike road to Farmington runs.

PARKER, WILLIAM, an original proprietor and settler, removed to Saybrook, which both he and his son deacon William, represented in the General Court. His house lot on the west side of Trumbull street, he sold to William Adams.

POST, STEPHEN, an original proprietor and settler, sold out his house lot on the south side of Buckingham street, to Thomas Gridley, about 1649, and removed to Saybrook.

- 1 PRATT, JOHN, 1 John was an original
 2 *John*, 1690? proprietor and settler of
 3 *Daniel*, 1690, some note. He owned
 2 JOHN, two adjoining house lots
 4 1648? *Hannah*, on the west side of Main
 5 61 *John*, 1746, street, one of which he
 6 64 *Elizabeth*, purchased of Gov. Haynes,
 7 68 *Sarah*, 1753, which extended north from
 8 71 *Joseph*, Asylum street to the 4th
 9 77 *Ruth*, church, some of which is
 10 80 *Susannah*, now in possession of his
 11 83 *Jonathan*, 1755. descendants. From him,
 3 DANIEL, Pratt street derives its
 12 *Daniel*, 1704, name. He represented
 13 *Hannah*, Hartford in the first Gen-
 14 *Elizabeth*, eral Court in 1639, and
 15 *Sarah*, several years afterwards.
 16 1671 *Rachel*, He died about 1686 at an
 17 *Mary*, before advanced age.
 [1702, 2 John left a widow
 18 (*daughter*,) 1702 Hepsibah, who married
 19 *Esther*, 1702. John Sadd. She died
 5 JOHN, 1712.
 20 1687 *John*, in 1746, 3 Daniel. The follow-
 21 *William*, 1753, ing is an extract from the
 22 *Hannah*, close of his will. "I have
 23 *Esther*. great reason and I do
 11 JONATHAN, Tanner, heartily desire to bless
 24 *Daniel*, Glasten- God for the good agree-
 [bury, ment and love that I have
 25 *Moses*, lived to see amongst my
 26 *Jonathan*, children, as well as their
 27 *Eliab*, 1709, tenderness towards my-
 28 *Aaron*, self, which God will re-
 29 *Elizabeth*, ward; so now I desire to
 30 *Jerusha*, commit them to that God
 31 *Mary*, that hath cared for me all
 32 *Hepzibah*. my days, commanding
 12 DANIEL, them to love, fear and
 33 1693 *Elizabeth*, serve him, who will be
 34 95 *Hannah*, 1696, their God, as he hath been

- 35 97 *Daniel*, died their father's God."
 [young, 4 Hannah m. Garvad
 36 *Elisha*, Somers, Spencer in 1680.
 37 *Rebecca*, 1768. 5 John m. Hannah
 20 JOHN, Jr. Sandford.
 38 1714 *Susanna*, in 1789 7 Sarah in 1690 m.
 39 17 *Ozias*, 1788, Timothy Phelps, Wind-
 40 18 *Ruth*, sor, who removed to Hart-
 41 *John*, 1754, ford.
 42 *Hannah*, 8 Joseph m. a daughter
 43 *Sarah*, of John Marsh.
 44 *Elizabeth*, 9 Ruth m. Wilterton
 45 1734 *Isaac*, Goshen. Merrill in 1702.
 21 WILLIAM, 10 Susanna m. Daniel
 46 *Zechariah*, Merrill in 1698.
 47 ? *Esther*, 1767, 11 Jonathan was a tan-
 48 1736 *William*, ner. He lived in Glas-
 49 42 *Joseph*, tenbury, but died in Hart-
 50 *Martha*, ford. His second wife
 51 39 *Susanna*, Mary he left a widow in
 52 *Mabel*. Glastenbury. His sons
 lived in East Hartford.

12 Daniel m. Elizabeth Lea in 1692, who after his death m. John Sheldon in 1708.

13 Hannah m. Daniel ? Clark.

14 Elizabeth m. Nat. Goodwin.

16 Rachel m. John Skinner in 1694.

17 Mary m. a Sandford.

20 John, Jr. m. Hannah Norton of Farmington in 1713. He died before his father.

21 William lived in front of State House square near Asylum street, and died before his father. He married Amy Pinney, who survived him, and had the charge of his property. She died in 1772.

22 Hannah m. Isaac Porter, of Windsor, in 1727.

23 Esther m. Jos. Talcott, son of the governor, in 1727.

29 Eliz. m. Wm. Moulbe, (Maltby.)

30 Jerusha m. ——— Roberts.

33 Eliz. m. Deac. Isaac Sheldon in 1717.

36 Elisha m. Sarah Burnham in 1726.

37 Rebecca m. Marsh.

- 38 Susanna m. Marsh.
- 40 Ruth m. Palmer.
- 41 John, Capt. was a merchant, and probably died unmarried.
- 42 Hannah m. John Watson.
- 43 Sarah m. Wm. Cole of Southington or Wolcott.
- 44 Eliz. m. Dickinson.
- 50 Martha m. Samuel Drake.
- 51 Susanna m. Thomas Sloan.
- 52 Mabel m. Mathew Webster.

PRATT, WILLIAM, an original proprietor and settler, supposed to be brother of John, lived on the east side of Burr street, and sold about 1645 to Mathew Beckwith, and removed to Saybrook, which he represented in the General Court from 1666 to 76. He married Elizabeth, d. of John Clark of Milford. His son John of Saybrook, was born in Hartford in 1645. Nathaniel and William Pratt subsequently represented Saybrook in the General Court.

SCOTT, THOMAS, was one of the original proprietors and settlers of Hartford. His house lot was No. 13, on Front street, south side of State street, and extended west to State square. He died in 1643, leaving widow Ann, who in 1644 married Thomas Ford. He left children.

THOMAS died soon after his father without issue.

MARY m. Robert Porter in 1644.

SARAH m. John Standley in 1645.

ELIZABETH m. John Loomis in 1648.

Robert Porter, John Standley, and John Loomis, were among the first settlers of Farmington, and lived on adjoining house lots, which must have been a source of great comfort to them in that then new settlement. The descendants of Robert Porter are numerous, among whom are Rev. Dr. Porter of Farmington, the late David Porter of Hartford, &c. John Standley represented Farmington many years in the General Court: his descendants are numerous, among whom are the Stanleys of Berlin. John Loomis removed to Windsor, and several years represented that town in the General Court.

- 1 STANDLEY, THOMAS, 1 Thomas was an ori-
 2 *Nathaniel*, 1712 ginal owner and settler,
 3 (*daughter*,) removed to and died in
 2 NATHANIEL, Esq. Hadley, in 1659. His
 4 1664 *Nathaniel*, 1665 house lot extended from the
 5 69 *Sarah*, 1689, centre church to the Little
 6 71 *Joseph*, 1676, river. His only son was
 7 74 *Hannah*, 1681, 2 Nathaniel m. in 1659
 8 77 *Mary*, Sarah, the daughter of
 9 81 *Susanna*, 1683, James Boosey, one of the
 10 83 *Nathaniel*, 1755 first men in Wethersfield.
 10 NATHANIEL, Col. & Esq. He was a man of wealth
 11 1707 *Nathaniel*, and influence, and repre-
 12 9 *Sarah*, sented Hartford in the
 13 11 *Joseph*, 1712, General Court from 1678
 14 13 *Augustus*, 1770, to 1689, when he was
 15 15 *Anna*, 1722, chosen assistant, which
 16 17 *Susanna*, office he held to his death
 17 19 *Abigail*, in 1712.
 18 21 *Mary*, 1722, 3 Married in Hadley.
 19 23 *Joseph*, 1723, 8 Mary m. in 1698
 20 *William*, 1786, Nat. the son of Rev. Sam.
 14 AUGUSTUS, W. Hartford Hooker of Farmington, to
 21 *Allyn*, 1774, whom her father gave the
 22 *John*, 1789, north half of his home lot,
 23 *Roswell*, where he lived and traded
 24 *James*, as a merchant. He rep-
 25 *Judah*, represented Hartford in the
 26 1748 *Lucy*, died. General Court from 1709
 27 1752 *Frederick*, to his death in 1711. In
 28 58 *Whiting*, 1713, she married John
 29 62 *Lewis*, 1777. Austin, a merchant of note.
 Her children by her first husband were, Mary who
 died single; Alice who m. Samuel Howard; Sarah
 who m. Hon. Daniel Edwards; Abigail who m. Rev.
 Dr. Benj. Lord of Norwich; and Rev. Nathaniel, the
 minister of West Hartford: and by her second hus-
 band, John who d. young; and Mary, who m. John
 Ellery.

10 Nathaniel was a man of wealth, energy and dis-
 tinction. He m. in 1706 Anna, the daughter of Jos.

Whiting, Esq. and grand-daughter of Col. John Allyn. He was annually chosen an assistant from 1725 to 1748. His estate was invoiced at £3000.

11 Nat. grad. at Yale in 1726. He married and removed to Windsor, where his father established him in business ; but he became a worthless spend-thrift, and had a conservator placed over him to take care of his property, in 1757, between which time and 1773 he died, probably without children. His widow Mary died insolvent, in 1797.

12 Sarah m. Andrew Burr, Esq. of Fairfield, who was an assistant from 1746 to 63.

14 Augustus lived on the Standley lot, at the south end of West Hartford, where he died, leaving a small estate. It was the custom, in ancient times, to give each son a trade. Hence, to show the value he set upon a trade, he says in his will : — “ Whereas, my sons Allyn and John have neither of them learned any trade, I therefore give to each of them the sum of twenty-five pound lawful money, or the value thereof, more than any of the rest of my sons.”

16 Susanna m. Aaron Day of New Haven.

17 Abigail m. Rev. Elnathan Whitman.

20 William died without children. In his will he presented the south church a silver tankard. He gave his niece, Eliz. Whitman, a twelve acre lot on the west side of Hog river. He gave his sister Abigail, wife of Rev. Elnathan Whitman, all his personal estate, and the use of his real estate during her life. At her decease, he gave the use of all his large estate, except the above twelve acres, forever, unto the South Society in Hartford. It is now most or all of it leased for 999 years.

STEBBINS, EDWARD, Deac. was one of the most prominent and influential proprietors and settlers of Hartford. His house lot was on Front street, north side of State street, and extended west to what was then the public square, now Dorr street. He was admitted a freeman in Cambridge in 1634, and removed to Hartford as early as 1636. He represented Hartford in the General Court at various times, from

the organization of the government in 1639 to 1656. His sister Edatha married Robert Day, and on the death of Mr. Day in 1648, he had the care of the three children and the property. On the decease of Gov. Hopkins, Mr. Stebbins was one of the trustees to dispose of his estate. He was a man in whom the people ever placed great confidence. He died in 1663, and his widow Frances died in 1673. They had no sons. Their daughters were:

Mary, m. Edward? Gaylord, whose children were Joseph, Benjamin, Joanna and Mary.

— *m. John Chester*, near London, England, whose children were John and Samson.

Elizabeth m. Thomas Cadwell.

Lydia m. Deac. John Willson.

Mr. Cadwell had a son Edward, and Deac. Willson a son Stebbins, to perpetuate the name.

WAKEMAN, SAMUEL, an original proprietor and settler of Hartford, was a freeman in Cambridge in 1632, and a representative in Mass. in 1635. He was drowned in 1645, and his widow m. Nat. Willett. His children,—

Ezbon removed to Fairfield,

Grace m. John Kelly,

Elizabeth m. Joseph Arnold,

Hannah m. Hackelton.

The Court settled the estate on Nat. Willett, on condition that he should pay the son forty pounds when he arrived at 20 years of age; and each of the daughters 20 pounds, when 18 years of age.

WESTWOOD, WILLIAM, was born in 1607. He was one of the wealthiest and most prominent of the first settlers and proprietors of Hartford. His house lot was on the west side of Front street where Morgan street crosses it. He was a member of the upper house in the first General Court in 1636: and represented Hartford in the Court from 1642 to 1656, when he removed to Hadley, where he died. His only child

Sarah, m. Aaron Cook of Hadley, whose son Aaron inherited Mr. Westwood's property in Hartford.

WHITEHEAD, SAMUEL, original owner of the Lord corner, removed to New Haven, where he died in 1690.

WYLLYS. Few names among the settlers of New England are more conspicuous in the heraldry of England than that of Wyllys, or Willis, as it is there spelled. They trace their ancestry back to the times of Henry VIII., when Richard flourished at Napton. The family mansion was at Fenny Compton in Warwickshire. Before removing to New England, Mr. Wyllys sent over Wm. Gibbons, his steward, to explore and make purchases if he found any desirable residence. He purchased for his employer several house lots, which constituted the Wyllys place, where the charter oak now stands.

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|----|------------------------------|---|-----------------------------|
| 1 | GEORGE, 1645, | 1 | George Wyllys, Esq. |
| 2 | <i>George,</i> | | appears in Hartford in |
| 3 | <i>Hester,</i> | | 1638, and in 1639 he was |
| 4 | <i>Amy,</i> | | chosen assistant, which |
| 5 | 1632 <i>Samuel,</i> 1709. | | office he held until his |
| 5 | SAMUEL, Esq., | | death. In 1641 he was |
| 6 | <i>Mary,</i> | | chosen deputy governor, |
| 7 | <i>Mehitabel,</i> | | and in 1642, governor. |
| 8 | 1672 <i>Hezekiah,</i> 1741. | 2 | George remained at |
| 8 | HEZEKIAH, Secretary, | | the family mansion in |
| 9 | 1704 <i>Ruth,</i> | | Fenny Compton. |
| 10 | 8 <i>Elizabeth,</i> | 3 | Hester m. Capt. |
| 11 | 9 <i>George,</i> 1709, | | Harding, in 1645. |
| 12 | 10 <i>George,</i> 1796, | 4 | Amy m. John Pyn- |
| 13 | 13 <i>Mabel,</i> | | chon of Springfield, in |
| 14 | 14 <i>Samuel,</i> 1732. | | 1645. |
| 12 | GEORGE, Secretary. | 5 | Samuel, Esq. was |
| 15 | 1738 <i>Samuel,</i> 1823, | | born in England; gradua- |
| 16 | 44 <i>William,</i> | | ted at Harvard in 1653, |
| 17 | 54 <i>John Palsgrove*</i> | | and the next year, at the |
| 18 | 56 <i>George,</i> died, | | early age of 21, was elect- |
| 19 | <i>Hezekiah,</i> 1827, | | ed an assistant, to which |
| 20 | 50 <i>Susanna,</i> | | office he was annually |
| 21 | 42 <i>Mary.</i> | | elected until 1684. He |
| 15 | SAMUEL, Gen. & Sec. | | was again elected, after |
| 22 | 1777 <i>Oliver St. John,</i> | | the government of And- |

- 23 1781 *Mary Wood-* ross, from 1689 to 1692,
[bridge, and again in 1698, making
24 84 *Samuel Hobart*, 36 years during which he
25 90 *William Alfred*, held this high office. He
19 HEZEKIAH, Col. was also 4 years commis-
26 1786 *Amelia*, sioner to the congress of
27 87 *George*, 1822, the New England colonies.
28 89 *Charlotte Eliz.*, He m. Ruth the daughter
29 90 *Harold*, of Gov. Haynes.
30 91 *John Palsgrove*, 7 Mehitabel m. (1) Dan-
31 93 *Ferdinand*. iel Russell of Charles-
town; (2) Rev. Isaac Foster in 1679, who died in 1684
leaving one child Ann; and (3) Rev. Tim. Wood-
bridge.

8 Hez. m. Eliz. d. of Rev. Jer. Hobart in 1702.
He was Secretary of State, from 1711 to 1734.

9 Ruth m. Richard Lord in 1724, and after his
death, ——— Belding.

12 George Wyllys m. Mary, the daughter of Rev.
Timothy Woodbridge. He was Secretary of State
from 1735 to 1795, 61 years.

13 Mabel m. Samuel Talcott, a man of great
wealth, and son of the governor.

15 Samuel, General, m. Ruth Stoughton in 1777.
He was Secretary of State from 1796 to 1809, when
Thomas Day was chosen assistant Secretary.

16 William died unmarried.

19 Hez. m. Amelia Trumble in 1785.

20 Susanna m. Jed. Strong, of Litchfield.

21 Mary m. ——— Pomeroy.

22 Oliver, S. J., died a vagabond in 1839.

23 Mary W. m. John M. Gannett.

24 and 25 Sam. H. and Wm. A. probably died
unmarried.

26 Amelia m. Asher Adams of Charlestown.

27 George left a widow but no children.

28 Charlotte E. probably died unmarried.

29 Harold is supposed to have died in a distant
land.

30 John P. was killed in the western army, under
St. Clair.

With some slight exceptions, the lands on the North and on the South side were divided among the proprietors on those sides respectively. The line of division commenced at the mouth of the Little river, which it followed to the union of Hog and Woods rivers, and then up the latter to the bend, thence on the south side of the Knowles' farm, and onward to the West Division. The same line was continued on the east side of the Great river.

DIVISIONS OF THE TOWN.

On the arrival of the first settlers in Hartford, they probably found the Little Meadow, the North and South Meadows, and the Meadow on the East side, already cleared and under cultivation by the Indians, consisting of meadow and corn land. For many years after the settlement, Indians continued to reside near the house in the South Meadow, at the south end of the Island on the East side, and at the north end of the East Hartford Meadow. These meadows were divided among the original proprietors, for meadow and plow lots : and other portions of the town west of these were also distributed among the original proprietors, and by their grant to other settlers, for wood and pasture. The Divisions together with the

NAMES OF LOCATIONS

were as follow :—

On the NORTH side,

I. LITTLE MEADOW lay on the east side of Front street, between the Little river and the North Meadow bridge. It was divided, among the proprietors on both sides, into 66 lots of various sizes from 30 square rods to 4 acres ; 25 of these lots lay on the north side of the Road to the Landing, and the rest on the south side. Gov. Haynes purchased the lots next to the Little river, which descended to his heirs as far as John Haynes Lord. The lots between Gov. Haynes's and the old Ferry street, were mostly purchased by

John Pantry, and descended to his heirs in the Jones family. Wm. Westwood purchased a large part of the lots north of the ferry, which were inherited by his grandson, Aaron Cook. The south-east angle of the Little Meadow, including 3 acres, was claimed and occupied by the Dutch, and hence is called the Dutch Point. At the north end of the Little Meadow was a two acre lot, called the Cow Yard, which was afterwards granted to Richard Olmsted, in exchange for a part of his house lot that was taken for a burying-yard. At the south-west corner of the Meadow, was a landing place, near the public crossing place from the North to the South side ; and another landing place at the foot of old Ferry street. At the latter place permission was granted by the town to build several ware houses, on the public land.

Since the first settlement of Hartford, the river has made great inroads on the Little Meadow. Then, the little river or creek running from the North Meadow, emptied into the Great river at the landing place and ferry, and a strip of land on the east side of it extended from the landing to the North Meadow bridge.

II. SOLDIERS' FIELD, an appellation given to a tract containing about 15 acres, lay on the west side of the North Meadow creek, about a quarter of a mile north of the N. M. bridge. The lots were chiefly 1-4th of an acre each, and perhaps were granted to soldiers engaged in some Indian war. There is a tradition, however, that it was once an Indian camp ground, and Indian implements of war have been found on the premises. The original owners all lived on the North side, and were few or none of them original proprietors of the town.

III. NORTH MEADOW extended from the bridge to Windsor, and from the Great river to the creek which separated it from the Neck lots. The lots extended from east to west the whole width, and most of them included both meadow and swamp. To each proprietor on the north side, there was granted two lots, a large one at the upper end of the meadow,

and a smaller one at the lower end. About 800 acres were thus distributed.

IV. NECK extended as at present from the town to Windsor, and from the Meadow swamp to the hills, and included about 400 acres. Each proprietor in the Neck had two lots, one at the upper, and the other at the lower end, as in the North Meadow lots.

V. COW PASTURE lay west of the present Windsor road, and north of the Albany turnpike. It contained about 1,000 acres, and was held in common by the original proprietors on the North side. After a few years, however, it was divided among the owners. It was bounded north by common or undivided land, east by the Neck, south by the Highway to the Commons, which separated it from the West field, Venturers' field, and Pine field, and west by the Little Ox Pasture.

VI. LITTLE OX PASTURE lay west of the Cow Pasture, and on both sides of the road leading north from the Albany turnpike. It contained about 200 acres, and was divided into 19 lots, varying from two to 20 acres. It was bounded north by common land, east by the Cow Pasture, south by the highway from the Cow Pasture to the Country, separating it from the Pine field and Middle Ox Pasture, and west by common land, afterwards called the Blue Hill lots.

VII. WEST FIELD lay west of the town lots, and contained about 100 acres. It extended north to the Albany turnpike, through the east part of which High street now runs. At the north end of it, lay the house lots of Thomas Upson, Renold Marvin, Thomas Barnes, &c. There was once a road which led across it to the Brick-hill, about 40 rods north of Church street. On the south lay Mr. Allen's ten acre swamp lot, which extended south to Asylum street, on both sides of Brick-hill swamp brook. On the west lay the Brick-hill and the Venturers' field.

VIII. BRICK-HILL was the bank which is east of the present work house, and north-west of Bull's garden, and contained originally 6 1-2 acres. It had a road leading to it from the town.

IX. VENTURERS' FIELD lay north of the Brick-hill on both sides of a road from the Cow Pasture, and extended to the Albany turnpike. It contained about 35 acres, and was distributed among ten or twelve owners.

X. PINE FIELD consisted of about 25 small lots, of 50 acres in all, and extended from the highway in front of the Asylum, north to the Albany turnpike. The north-west corner was against the road leading north into the Little Ox Pasture. Through it ran an east and west highway from the Brick-hill to the river, perhaps the present road in front of the work-house. Another road ran across the east part of it, from the Cow Pasture to the Old Ox Pasture.

XI. OLD OX PASTURE lay west of the house lots on Lord's hill, between the highway in front of the Asylum and the Little river. It originally contained about 100 acres, and belonged to Gov. Haynes, Mr. Hooker and Mr. Stone: but the name was afterwards applied to all the tract south of said road to the river, embracing 500 acres. It belonged to the larger land proprietors. A north and south highway ran across it and the Middle Ox Pasture, from the Little river to the Blue hills.

XII. MIDDLE OX PASTURE extended from the Pine field west to the river, on the north side of the road leading past the Asylum, and contained about 100 acres.

XIII. BLUE HILLS lay north of the Albany-turnpike, west of the Little Ox Pasture, and extended on both sides of the Granby turnpike, north to the Commons.

XIV. BRIDGE FIELD lay on the west side of Woods' river, and extended from the dividing line on the south side of the Knowles' farm, north to the road leading west from Gurney's bridge, and west to the north and south highway, and contained about two hundred acres.

Most of the lands in these divisions, except the three last and part of the XIth, were distributed to the proprietors before 1640. Subsequently the lands

between the Cow Pasture and Little Ox Pasture, on the south, and Windsor bounds on the north, were distributed. The rest of the lands west to the West Division was held in common until after 1750.

On the SOUTH side, the proprietors were not so inventive in coining names for localities.

I. SOUTH MEADOW was the same as at present, embracing all east of the upland ridge. There was very little regularity in the laying out of the lots. After larger proprietors, or perhaps all the original purchasers had their lots laid out, the rest appears to have been taken up by pitches. That is, some half dozen individuals would associate, and take up an insulated spot susceptible of tillage, or a swamp, and divide it among themselves. In this way, irregular nooks and corners were left, which may have since been added to the adjoining lots, and given them their present irregular shape.

To parts of the South Meadow were given specific names. There were the, Great Swamp, Wet Swamp, Dead Swamp, Pool, Indians' Land, Dutchmen's Land, Ward's Swamp, Olmsted's Swamp, Haynes's Swamp, 3d and 4th Divisions, two or three 40 Acre lots, and two or three 5 Acre lots, and some 10 Acre lots, owned each by several proprietors; there was also a Cow Pasture. Gov. Haynes, Mr. Hooker, Mr. Stone, and Mr. Goodwin had lots in the South Meadow, with the South side proprietors. In all there appears to have been about 900 acres distributed.

II. OX PASTURE consisted of large lots belonging to the larger proprietors, and extended from the South Meadow on the east, across Wethersfield lane, west to a north and south line running on the east side of the burying ground; and from the house lots on the north, to swamp lands on the south, and contained about 450 acres. It was afterwards extended to Wethersfield line, which made an addition of 250 acres. When the Farmington road was laid out, it cut off the north-west corner, lying west of the South Green.

POKE HILL was a name afterwards given indefinitely to lots on the west side of Wethersfield lane, south of the original Ox Pasture.

III. A tier of UPLAND lots lay between the Ox Pasture on the east, and the highway to the Great Swamp, now the south part of Washington street, and the lane leading south from the Retreat, on the west; and extended from the house lots on the north, to the Great Swamp on the south. It contained about 200 acres. Most of these lots were small, and many of them subsequently used as house lots.

GREAT SWAMP included all the low land in the south part of the town on both sides and east of the New Haven turnpike. The lots were generally large, and belonged to the Ox Pasture and Rocky hill tiers of lots. The swamp contained about 400 acres.

V. ROCKY HILL lots were bounded west on the highway on Rocky hill and onward to Wethersfield line, and east on the highway to the Great Swamp and the swamp lots, and extended from Baker's lane to Wethersfield line. There were 38 lots, varying in size from 3 to 60 acres, including in all 600 acres. On many of them buildings were soon erected. In fact, one of the first houses erected out of the town, was on the Skinner place near Wethersfield line. Zachery's lane and the Farmington road crossed this tier of lots.

VI. A tier of 17 small lots, granted to non-proprietors, lay between Baker's lane and the road to West Hartford, containing in all about 50 acres.

VII. A tier of WOOD LOTS lay between the road to West Hartford and the Little river, west of the small house lots, which contained about 100 acres.

VIII. A tier of 13 large lots lay on the WEST SIDE OF ROCKY HILL, and extended west to the river, and south to the Farmington road, embracing 400 acres.

IX. A tier of 6 large lots lay on the west side of the road from Rocky hill to Wethersfield, and extended west to the highway on the east side of CEDAR MOUNTAIN. It contained nearly 300 acres, of which the Wyllys lot included one half.

X. Lots were granted on the west side of Hog river, in the bend between it and Woods' river.

COMMONS extended from Wethersfield to Windsor, and from the west side of the lots enumerated above, to the West Division, and was forever set apart by the proprietors for public use, for pasture and the cutting of wood. In what manner this pledge was violated, and the Commons divided, will be the subject of future remark.

WEST DIVISION was originally laid out to all the proprietors by lot, without regard to North and South sides. The lots were at first one and a half miles long; but by encroachment on the Commons, were considerably extended. The manner of laying out will be given below.

EAST SIDE of the Great river, or HOCANUM, was a tier of lots, divided among the original proprietors before 1640, and extended from Wethersfield, [Glastenbury,] to Windsor, [East Windsor,] and from the river to the Main street, with the exception of Indian reservations. The North and South sides had their respective portions.

The first purchase on the East side extended three miles from the river; and the subsequent purchase from Joshua extended five miles further, to the bounds of Bolton. In this latter purchase is the town of Manchester. Particulars will be given in subsequent pages.

The following are the names of some specific locations:—

CENTINEL HILL was at the junction of Main, Trumbull and Burr streets, and probably covered an acre or more of ground, on one side of which was the pound; hence it was sometimes called Pound hill. It was a hill from which the community were accustomed to carry away earth, until prohibited by a vote of the town. It was doubtless a place where centries were stationed to watch the city, and give alarms from danger. When such guards were no

longer necessary, the hill may have been leveled to fill up adjacent low grounds.

PALISADO was on the Little river where Main street now crosses it. There is no evidence that it was a fortification. Probably it was only a defence against danger on the high banks of the river, before any bridge was built.

MEETING-HOUSE YARD included not only the present State square, but extended north and south so as to include about twice the present area. In the north-east corner of the yard stood the gaol or prison, and in the south-east corner was the market place.

OX PASTURE HILL included the building lots on the east side of the Old Ox Pasture, now called Lord's hill.

MILL LOT included two acres where the present gaol stands, together with the flat and bed of the river west of it. The main channel of the river was then under the South bank, and the flat was an island.

WOLF POUND was a name given to a lot or two on the east side and about the middle of Washington street.

TOWN ROADS.

The roads not before particularly described, were as follow:—The

ROAD TO WINDSOR, at first, either passed through the North Meadow, or lay on the bank in the Neck adjacent to the meadow swamp. Next, it probably passed up on the east side the Neck to the Soldiers' Field, and then crossed to the west side, on the borders of the upland. Afterwards it appears to have run from the northwest angle of Village street, obliquely to and over the hill, to the west side of the Neck. It was many years before the present road was located.

ROAD TO WETHERSFIELD has always been in its present location through the Ox Pasture.

ROAD TO FARMINGTON was very early laid out, commencing at the South Green, and running obliquely across the corner of the Ox Pasture, and

across the upland and Rocky hill lots to the top of the hill, thence onward across the lots under the hill to the Commons near Cedar mountain; thence across the Commons, the road has ever been varying. But through the West Division, the location of the road has ever been the same.

ROAD TO THE RIVER, OR TO THE COMMONS, on the South side, was a continuation of Baker's lane; which was afterwards continued across the Commons, and called the "John Seymour road." The road has since been changed, and connected with the present West Hartford road, on the north side of the small tier of lots.

ROAD FROM THE MILL TO THE COUNTRY ran from the Little river over the hill and in front of the Asylum, to the Bridge Field and the Commons; more recently called the GURNEY's road.

COW PASTURE TO THE COUNTRY, afterwards "to the West Division," and "to Simsbury" was the same as the present Albany turnpike.

Other roads connecting with the two last, are specified in the preceding pages.

On the South side, ZACHERY's lane, and the highways on and under ROCKY HILL, were original highways.

ROAD TO THE GREAT SWAMP, or Washington street and the lane in continuation running south from the Retreat, after a turn to the east, was afterwards continued to Wethersfield line.

BURYING YARD.

"The 11th of January, 1640," [1641.]

"It is further ordered, that the Burying-place is appointed to be parcel of Richard Olmsted's lot; and for satisfaction to Richard Olmsted for the said Burying-place, and the fencing about it, he is to have a parcel of ground lying at the North Meadow gate, [the Cow-yard] containing about an acre and half of ground; and the said Richard Olmsted is to remove Mr. Allen's fence, and set it by the highway against.

the said ground, and to inclose the end of said parcel of ground, that it safeguard the long meadow. The said Richard Olmsted is to have part of John Skinner's lot, on which the said John Skinner's house stands; and the said John Skinner is to remove his dwelling house; and John Skinner is to have for the same, 3 acres of upland, and for the exchange of ground, is to have 3 acres more; which 6 acres is to be laid out in the Cow Pasture or Ox Pasture. Richard Olmsted is to trans-sill his house that stands upon the Burying-place, and then the town is to remove it to the lot the said Richard Olmsted receives of John Skinner." [John Skinner gave up all his front on Main street, and had another house lot on Lord's Hill.]

"At a meeting of the town, February the 22, 1651."

"There was an agreement between the town and Richard Lord: He is to have the use of the burying place, to put in horses and calves; he to make and maintain the fence about it, that belongeth unto it, until the town shall desire to take it into their own hand; and then they are to give a year's warning: and if he desire to leave it, he is also to give the like warning." [The rest of the vote relates to conditions of the final surrender to the town: but the record is so much torn and gone, that the particulars cannot be made out.]

"September 29, 1664."

"This writing witnesseth an agreement between Richard Lord of Hartford, and the Townsmen respecting the burying-yard:

"The said Richard doth covenant, promise and engage to and with the said townsmen, that there shall be a sufficient pale fence set up round about the said burying ground,—that is to say, so much of the said fence as doth properly belong to the burying yard, and the fence next the highway,—the pales and post heads to be handsomely sharpened, and the said fence set up straight, and the pales set even by a line at the tops, and this to be done at or before the 25th of October next ensuing the date hereof. The said

Richard is to feed off the grass with horses and calves, according to the former agreement. He is at no time to suffer hogs to come into the said burying yard, nor to fodder cattle in it. The said Richard is also to reduce the dividant fence between his said orchard and the burying yard to its ancient bounds. All this to be done according to this agreement, and so maintained during the whole term that the said Richard shall improve the said burying-yard. And upon the breach of this agreement, or any part of it, he shall forfeit all the cost and labor upon it, to the town.—By pale fence, we intend only the fence against the highway, and the dividant fence between his orchard and the said burying-yard.”

“To which agreement, these parties have subscribed,
 ROBERT WEBSTER, } RICHARD LORD.”
 JAMES STEELE, }
 JOHN GILBERT, } Townsmen.
 DANIEL PRATT, }

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“3 March 1640.”

“AN ORDER CONCERNING GRAVES.”

“It is ordered that Thomas Woodford shall attend the making of graves for any corpses deceased: and that no corpse shall be laid less than four foot deep; nor that be above four years old, shall be laid less than five foot deep; nor that be above ten, shall be laid less than six foot deep.

“He shall receive for giving notice by ringing the bell, making the grave, and keeping of it in seemly repair, so that it may be known in future time,—when such graves have been made for the lesser sort, 2s. 6d., for the middle sort, 3s., and for the higher sort, 3s. 6d.”

TOWN CRIER. “It is further ordered, that if any person hath lost anything that he desireth should be cried in a public meeting, he shall pay for crying of it 2d. to Thomas Woodford, to be paid before it be cried: and the crier shall have a book of the things that he crieth.”

SETTLERS IN HARTFORD,

Between 1640 and 1700, together with the date when their names first appear ; and their places of residence.

Inhabitants were admitted in this form, —

“At a meeting &c. 1661. It was agreed, and by vote of the town concluded, that Joseph Fitch is accepted an inhabitant of the town of Hartford.”

Or in 1715, “Horace Howard was then admitted an inhabitant of this town.”

April 1664, “The town voted that they would *not* receive Martin Moore an inhabitant of this town.”

William Adams, 1650, Trumbull street, lot 39.

Nicholas Ackley, 1655, Trumbull street, lot 42.

Edward Andrews, 1655, East Hartford.

Thomas Atkins, 1682, East Hartford.

Jonathan Ashley, 1682, north end.

William Alderman, 1694.

William Ayres, 1651, Burr, lot 61.

George Ash, 1682, East Hartford ?

Charles Barnard, 1681, Elm street, lot 42.

Richard Blanchard, 1682, East Hartford.

John Baker, 1667, Baker's lane.

Stephen Brace, 1673, Charter street, lot 13.

Bartholomew Barnard, 1647, Main st., lot 33 and 34

Francis Barnard, 1644, corner of Main and Charter.

Mr. John Blackleach, 1660, corner of Main and Arch.

Thomas Blackley, 1650, East Hartford.

John Bayley, 1655.

Mr. Andrew Belcher, 1670, Main street, lot 10.

Mathew Beckwith, 1645, Trumbull street, lot 65.

Benjamin Beven, 1687, East Hartford.

Andrew Benton, 1664, Wethersfield lane.

Robert Bell, 1682.

Thomas Bennett, 1682.

Thomas Bird, 1645, Wethersfield lane.

John Bigelow, 1669, Cooper lane, lot 52.

Jonathan Bigelow, 1677, Wethersfield lane.

David Bishop, 1685, Neck.
Richard Billings, 1650, Elm north side. [Main.
Rev. Mr. Thomas Buckingham, 1696, Buckingham &
Thomas Burnham, 1650, corn. State and Main.
Peter Busarre, 1646, Mill street.
William Buckland, 1688, East Hartford.
Joshua Carter, 1692, Rocky hill.
Thomas Catlin, 1646, Elm, lots 23 and 24.
Thomas Cadwell, 1652, Front and State.
Richard Case, 1669, East Hartford.
Isaac Cakebread, 1680, Elm street, north side.
John Camp, 1672, Wethersfield lane.
Christopher Crow, 1655, north end.
Joseph Collier, 1668, Pine field.
Sarah Crook, 1672, East Hartford.
Aaron Cook, 1686, Front, lot 19.
Timothy Cowles, 1695, East Hartford.
John Coal, 1655, Wethersfield lane.
Thomas Dickinson, 1682, Main, lot 23.
Philip Davis, 1651, Main and Charter.
Stephen Davis, 1655, East Hartford.
William Davenport, 1696, Main, part 10.
Even Davey, 1681, South side.
John Dix, 1674, East Hartford.
Alexander Douglass, 1676, Neck.
Josiah Dibble, 1693, East Hartford.
Jacob Demmon, 1696.
William Edwards, 1646, north side State square.
John Emerson, 1688.
Texhall Endsworth, 1682, Front, lot 18.
Gilbert Foresith, 1682.
Rev. Isaac Foster, 1682, Main, part 10.
Richard Fellows, 1646, Elm, lot 26.
Thomas Ford, 1649, Trumbull, lot 42.
James Forbs, 1658, East Hartford.
Mr. Joseph Fitch, 1655, Main, lot 22.
Lamrock Flowers, 1686, West Hartford.
Peter Grant, 1677, Wethersfield lane.
Edward Crannis, 1655, Bliss and Elm.
Samuel Gains, 1667, East Hartford.
Mr. George Gardner, 1673, Arch, lot 3.

Joseph Garrett, 1694.
Walter Grey, 1655.
Nathaniel Greensmith, 1655, Farmington road.
Mr. Jonathan Gilbert. 1646, Cole and Charter, after-
John Gilbert, 1648, Pearl, s. side. [wards Main, l. 10.
Henry Grehmes or Graham, 1662, Wethersfield lane.
Richard Gilman, 1672, south side.
James Gordion, 1682.
Jasper Gunn, 1646, Pearl, south side.
Joseph Gillet, 1694, West Hartford.
Thomas Hancock, 1692, from Farmington.
William Harris, 1682.
Benjamin Harbor, 1644, South side, lot 58.
Henry Hayward or Howard, 1663, from Wethersfield,
James Hannisons or Henderson, S. side. [Elm, l. 19.
John Hawke, 1683.
Thomas Hill, 1685 from Middletown, Elm and Bliss.
Barnabas Hinsdale, 1693, Rocky hill.
Isaac Hinsdale, 1697, West Hartford.
Robert Howard, 1683, miller.
William Hulberd, 1647, Main and State.
Pater Hogan, 1657, Dutchman.
Thomas Huxly, 1668, Neck.
Thomas Humphreys, 1682.
Arthur Henberry, 1680.
John Ingersoll, 1655.
Jacob Johnson, 1674, Elm and Bliss.
Samuel Kecherell, 1645, Mill street.
John Kelly, 1655, south side.
Thomas Kilborne, 1677, East Hartford.
George Knight, 1674, Neck
Joseph Keeney, 1693, East Hartford.
Richard Keeney, 1698, East Hartford.
Thomas King, 1688, Bliss, west side.
John Kirby, 1646.
Nathaniel Kimberly, 1660, from New Haven.
John Langton, 1655.
Gabriel Linch, 1656, south side.
William Loveridge, 1659, Charter, lot 14.
Thomas Long, 1668, near the Mill, lot 41.
Thomas Loveman, 1682.

Simon Lobdell, 1655.
Jonathan Loomis, 1685, Neck ?
Thomas Mason, 1650, east side, State square.
John Mason, 1678, Buckingham, lot 30.
Joel Marshall, 1682, Commons.
Thomas Marshall, 1668, Wethersfield lane.
Josiah Marshfield, 1687.
John Merrill, 1657, Elm, lot 18.
Nathan Messenger, 1688.
John Meekins, 1672, East Hartford.
John Mitchell, 1655, south side State square.
Bryant Mogshe, 1655.
Martin Moore, 1682, colored.
Philip More, 1693, East Hartford.
William Morton, 1657, to Windsor.
Thomas Morgan, 1692, West Hartford.
Michael Mudge, 1646.
Rev. Roger Newton, 1646, to Farmington.
Joseph Nash, 1660, Elm and Bliss.
Seaborn, Siborne or Cyprian Nichols, 1664, Cole st. l. 4.
John Norton, 1659, Mill street.
Adam Nichols, 1655, pauper.
James Northam, 1655.
Edmund O'Neil, 1682, East Hartford ?
William Parsons, 1685.
William Partridge, 1644, Cole and Charter.
John Perry, 1682.
Timothy Phelps, 1692, Main, lot 23.
Mr. William Pitkin, 1660, to East Hartford.
Thomas Porter, 1646, West-field.
John Plumb, 1665, South side.
Robert Reeve, 1655, Neck.
Mr. James Richards, 1663, Cole and Md. lane.
Samuel Robertson, 1665, Neck.
Hugh Roe, 1661, Elm and Bliss.
John Roberts, 1682.
William Roberts, 1698, East Hartford.
Andrew Roby, 1691.
Jonathan Richardson, 1697.
Mr. John Russell, 1650.
John Sparks, 1694.

- Robert Sandford, 1655, Burr, lots 61 and 62.
Nathaniel Sandford, 1655, Wethersfield lane.
Andrew Sandford, 1651, Burr, lot 74.
John Sad, 1674, Elm, Bliss and river.
Samuel Sedgwick, 1694, West Hartford.
Garrad Speck, 1665, Burr, lot 71.
Michael Spencer, 1645, Mill street.
John Stedman, 1651, Mill street.
Andrew Stephens, 1682.
John Shepard, 1670, Cooper lane, lot 50.
Joseph Smith, 1655, Cole and Sheldon.
Richard Smith, 1651, Main, part 16.
Simon Smith, 1655, to West Hartford.
Thomas Swetman, 1682.
Samson Shore, 1649, Trumbull, lot 42.
Robert Shirley, 1679, Charter and Cole.
Thwaite Strickland, 1647, Neck ?
George Sexton, 1698, Neck.
John Sumner, 1695.
Thomas Trill, 1682, East Hartford.
Thomas Thomson, 1644.
Thomas Tomlinson, 1665, Neck.
Thomas Thornton, 1677, Elm, lot 20.
John Tillotson, 1675 ? Lord's Hill.
John Tuller, 1682.
John Turner, 1675, Elm, lot 45.
Mr. Varlett, 1656.
Thomas Vigers, 1678.
John Waite, 1665.
William Warren, 1664, Sheldon and Main, to East
Mr. Eliezer Waye, 1666, Main and Arch. [Hartford.
Bevil Waters, 1668, Wethersfield lane.
John Webb, 1648, Trumbull, lot 42.
Samuel Wheeler, 1687.
Thomas Whaples, 1653, Wethersfield lane ?
John Watson, 1646, South Main, lot 9.
Nathaniel Willett, 1645, Charter, lot 13.
William Williams, 1650, Burr, lot 68.
Mr. Phineas Wilson, 1675, Mill st.
Obadiah Wood, 1681, East Hartford.
John Wilson, 1679, State and Front, north side.

Gov. John Winthrop, from New London.

George Wright, 1694.

William Worthington, 1695, Main, lot 10.

Rev. Timothy Woodbridge, 1685, Main and Arch.

Josiah Willard, 1658.

John and Thomas Whitmore, 1646.

John Wyard, 1670, Wethersfield lane.

PROCEEDINGS OF PROPRIETORS.

“At a meeting of the proprietors of the undivided land in Hartford, the 9th day of February, 1671 [2] —”

“It was agreed by the proprietors, that a rate of ten pounds shall be raised upon the proprietors mentioned on the other side [see names on pages 8 and 9,] to be raised upon every man, according as his propriety and those he stands for shall give it, according to the rule entered in the Town Book for division of lands.

“It is also agreed, that when any of the undivided lands shall be laid out, every proprietor for himself, and those he stands for, shall receive his proportion of what lands shall be agreed to be laid out, according to the rule for division of lands agreed upon, and entered in the town book, dated 3d January, 1639, [40]., of which this on the other side [see pages 8 and 9,] is a copy of the proportion.

“At the same meeting, the proprietors desired Mr. Willys, Capt. John Tallcott, Mr. James Richards, and Mr. John Allyn, to make the rate of ten pounds, to pay for our purchase of the undivided lands.”

The heading of the proprietors list is —

“The proprietors of the undivided lands in Hartford, with each of their proportions in one division, as followeth, according to which proportion they paid for the purchase of the said lands.”

WEST DIVISION.

“At a public meeting, Jan. 30, 1672 [3], of the proprietors, these votes passed:—

“The proprietors voted, that part of the undivided lands should be divided to the proprietors, at the west end of the bounds.

“The proprietors voted, that there should be a mile and half of the WEST END of the bounds laid out and divided amongst the proprietors, the whole length of the bounds.

“The proprietors voted, that from that mile and half, which is to be laid out as aforesaid, when sufficient highways are laid out to the lots already granted to be laid out, that land next the town not laid out shall be and remain a COMMON FOREVER, for the use and benefit of the inhabitants of Hartford.”

“Lut. Rob’t Webster, Mr. Nichols, Ens. Olmsted, Nath. Standly, Mr. Steele and Nath. Ruscoe, or any three of them, were chosen a committee to view the lands, and size, equalize, and lay out the same to the proprietors, according to their just proportion, and state needful highways in the same.”

“The lots being drawn, fell as followeth:—

“A bill of the quantity and breadth of the last division of land next to Farmington bounds. The breadth of each lot is set down in the first column, the number of acres in the second, as they were laid out by the committee, November 1674. The order of the lots is in the margent. Beginning at Windsor bounds:

[Names of original proprietors are in italics.]

Highway next to Windsor bounds, 4 rods wide.

1	Caleb Standly, son of <i>Timothy</i> ,		
2	Thomas Butler, <i>W. Butler's</i> and <i>Z. Field's</i> ,		
3	Tho. Long, <i>John Wilcox's</i> ,	East end,	25
4	<i>John Marsh</i> ,	West end.	80
	[These 4 lots in one.]		
5	Mrs. Hannah Wells, widow of <i>Thomas</i> ,	50	150
6	Stephen Hopkins, son of <i>John</i> ,	12	36
7	Mr. John Allyn, son of <i>Mathew</i> and <i>E.</i>		
		<i>Elmer's</i> ,	62½
8	Mr. <i>William Andrews</i> ,	15	45
9	Wm. and Sam. Spencer, <i>W. Spencer's</i>		
	and <i>W. Pratt's</i> ,	23	69

10	Hartford School, half <i>A. Warner's</i> , E. end 21, W. end 25,	23	69
11	Deac. <i>Rich. Butler</i> ,	8	24
12	[<i>Edward Stebbins</i> , in laying out, omitted by mistake, see 70 below. The num- bers below altered from the original,]		
12	Robert Sandford, <i>Samuel Hale's</i> ,	4	12
13	Mr. <i>Wm Westwood</i> ,	40	120
14	<i>John Pratt</i> ,	13	39
15	Tho. and Sam. Olcott, sons of <i>Thomas</i> , <i>T. Hale's</i> , <i>W. Heyden's</i> , <i>W Parker's</i> ,	22	66
16	<i>John Skinner</i> ,	5	15
17	Mr. Siborn Nichols, <i>Mr. Wm. Whiting's</i> ,	48	144
18	Mr. Barth. Barnard, <i>R. Webb's</i> , <i>T.</i> <i>Birchwood's</i> , <i>Higginson's</i> and <i>J. Clark's</i> ,	45	135
19	<i>Joseph Easton</i> ,	5	15
20	<i>Paul Peck</i> ,	8	24
21	<i>Jeremy Adams</i> ,	16	48
	Highway,	8	
22	John Cole, son of <i>James</i> ,	6	18
23	Nath. Ruscoe, <i>Wm. Ruscoe's</i> ,	16	48
24	Mr. Joseph Haynes, son of <i>John</i> ,	80	240
25	Wid. Lord, else John Gilbert, widow of <i>Thomas</i> ,	14½	43½
26	Mr. <i>John White</i> , E. end 25, west	29	81
27	Serj. <i>Thomas Spencer</i> ,	7	21
28	<i>Wm. Lewis</i> , Sen.	20	60
29	Mr. <i>Samuel Stone</i> ,	20	60
30	Mr. <i>Wm. Goodwin</i> ,	21	63
31	Mr. John Whiting, <i>Nat. Ward's</i> ,	30	90
32	Mr. Sam. Hooker, son of Rev. <i>Thomas</i> ,	40¾	122
33	John Stedman, <i>Rich. Olmsted's</i> ,	4	12
34	Mrs. Sam. Willys, son of <i>George</i> ,	75	225
35	<i>John Baysey</i> ,	7	21
36	Nath. Bacon, <i>Andrew Bacon's</i> ,	14	42
37	Nath. Willett, <i>Sam. Wakeman's</i> ,	15	45
38	<i>Nicholas Clark</i> ,	6	18
39	Mr. <i>Richard Lord</i> ,	9	27
40	Thomas Cadwell, <i>Thomas Scott's</i> ,	21	63
41	Mr. <i>Tho. Hosmer</i> , else Mr. J. Whiting,	30	90
42	Mr. John Pantry, son of <i>William</i> ,	40	120

43	Samuel Andrews, <i>Thomas Stanton's</i>	7	21
44	Mr. James Richards, <i>W. Gibbons's</i> , $\frac{1}{2}$ <i>E. Hopkins's</i> and $\frac{1}{2}$ <i>Andrew Warner's</i> ,	64	192
45	John Watson, <i>Thomas Judd's</i> ,	10	30
46	John Watson, <i>Thomas Selden's</i> ,	3	9
47	Nicholas Olmsted, son of <i>James</i> ,	35 $\frac{1}{2}$	106 $\frac{1}{2}$
48	Deac. <i>George Graves</i> , and <i>Wm. Hyde's</i> , Highway,	23 8	69
49	Maj. John Talcott, son of <i>John</i> , <i>John Steele's</i> , <i>N. Ely's</i> , and $\frac{1}{2}$ <i>M. Marvin's</i> ,	91	273
50	Deac. <i>Joseph Mygatt</i> , <i>W. Blumfield's</i> ,	21	63
51	<i>David Ensign</i> and <i>Jos. Easton</i> , Jun., and <i>N. Richards's</i> ,	25	75
52	Nath. <i>Barding</i> , <i>Seth Grant's</i> ,	7	21
53	<i>William Hills</i> ,	10	30
54	<i>Arthur Smith</i> ,	6	18
55	John <i>Merrills</i> , <i>Gregory Wilterton's</i> ,	14	42
56	John Church, son of <i>Richard</i> , and <i>T. Root's</i> ,	9	27
57	<i>William Kellsey</i> ,	8	24
58	Lt. Rob. Webster, son of <i>John</i> ,	51	153
59	Thomas Catlin, <i>R. Lyman's</i> ,	17	51
60	[James Steele, in laying out, omitted by mistake. See 69 below.]		
60	Samuel Moody, son of <i>John</i> ,	20	60
61	Mr. John Wadsworth, son of <i>Wm.</i> and <i>St. Hart's</i> ,	49 $\frac{1}{2}$	148 $\frac{1}{2}$
62	Mr. <i>John Crow</i> ,	10	30
63	<i>George Stocking</i> ,	10	30
64	Thos. Bunce, of <i>Sam. Gridley</i> , <i>S. Post's</i> ,	12	36
65	Nath. Standly, son of <i>Thomas</i> , and $\frac{1}{2}$ <i>M. Marvin's</i> ,	28	84
66	Lt. Thomas Bull, son of <i>Thomas</i> , <i>J. Ince</i> , and $\frac{1}{4}$ <i>E. Hopkins</i> ,	36	108
67	Henry Hayward, <i>John Barnard's</i> , E. end 47, W. end 11, length 183, Farmington Road, eight rods wide,		33 $\frac{1}{4}$
68	John Day, son of <i>Robert</i> , and <i>J. Maynard's</i> ,		
69	James Steele, son of <i>George</i> ,		
70	<i>Edward Stebbins</i> , and $\frac{1}{2}$ <i>Edward Hopkins's</i> ,		
71	Daniel Arnold, son of <i>John</i> ,		

72 *Richard Goodman*. [For these 5 lots, see below.]

“At a meeting of the proprietors of the undivided lands in Hartford January, 3d, 1677, [8].”

“The proprietors voted that the committee who laid out the long lots, should show the owners their lots, and that they should be paid for the same after the rate of 2s. 6d. per 100 acres.

“It was also voted, that the piece of land lying next Wethersfield bounds, and is an overplus after the lots are laid out, shall be laid out in *five tiers* of lots; the middle tier of lots shall be 20 acre lots, the tier next the town Commons 10 acre lots, the others 15 acre lots; and those to whom the lots shall be *given*, are not to sell them before they are fenced in and improved.

“It was voted that Capt. Olmsted, Mr. Nichols, and Ens. Standly should grant those lots to such of the town of Hartford as they shall see in need of the same, and as they judge it may be advantageous.”

“The lots on the south side *Farmington highway*, being divided into *five tiers* of lots: First lot beginning at Hartford Commons and the highway aforesaid. The lots lie successively to Wethersfield bounds,” south from highway.

FIRST DIVISION.

1 [68] John Day, rds. breadth, 64 length	80	acres	32
2 Capt. Thomas Watts,	21	80	$10\frac{1}{2}$
3 Andrew Benton,	21	80	$10\frac{1}{2}$
4 Andrew Benton, Jun.	21	80	$10\frac{1}{2}$
5 Robert Shirley,	21	80	$10\frac{1}{2}$
6 William Goodwin,	21	80	$10\frac{1}{2}$
7 Joseph Collier,	21	80	$10\frac{1}{2}$
8 Alexander Douglass,	21	80	$10\frac{1}{2}$
9 Jhn. Wyard, to Weth. bounds	24	80	12

SECOND TIER, bounds east on First Tier.

1 [69] James Steele, from Farmington highway,	80	90	45
2 John Seamor,	30	90	17
3 Thomas Clark,	30	90	17
4 Joseph Garrad,	30	90	17

on the ridge, and the road made from house to house. The town afterwards voted that the highway should be six rods wide.

By concurrent vote of the adjoining proprietors, a highway four rods wide, one half in each town, was located on the bounds of Hartford and Farmington, extending from Windsor to Wethersfield, or to the Farmington road.

A two rod highway now runs through the centre of lot 34, or the Wylls lot.

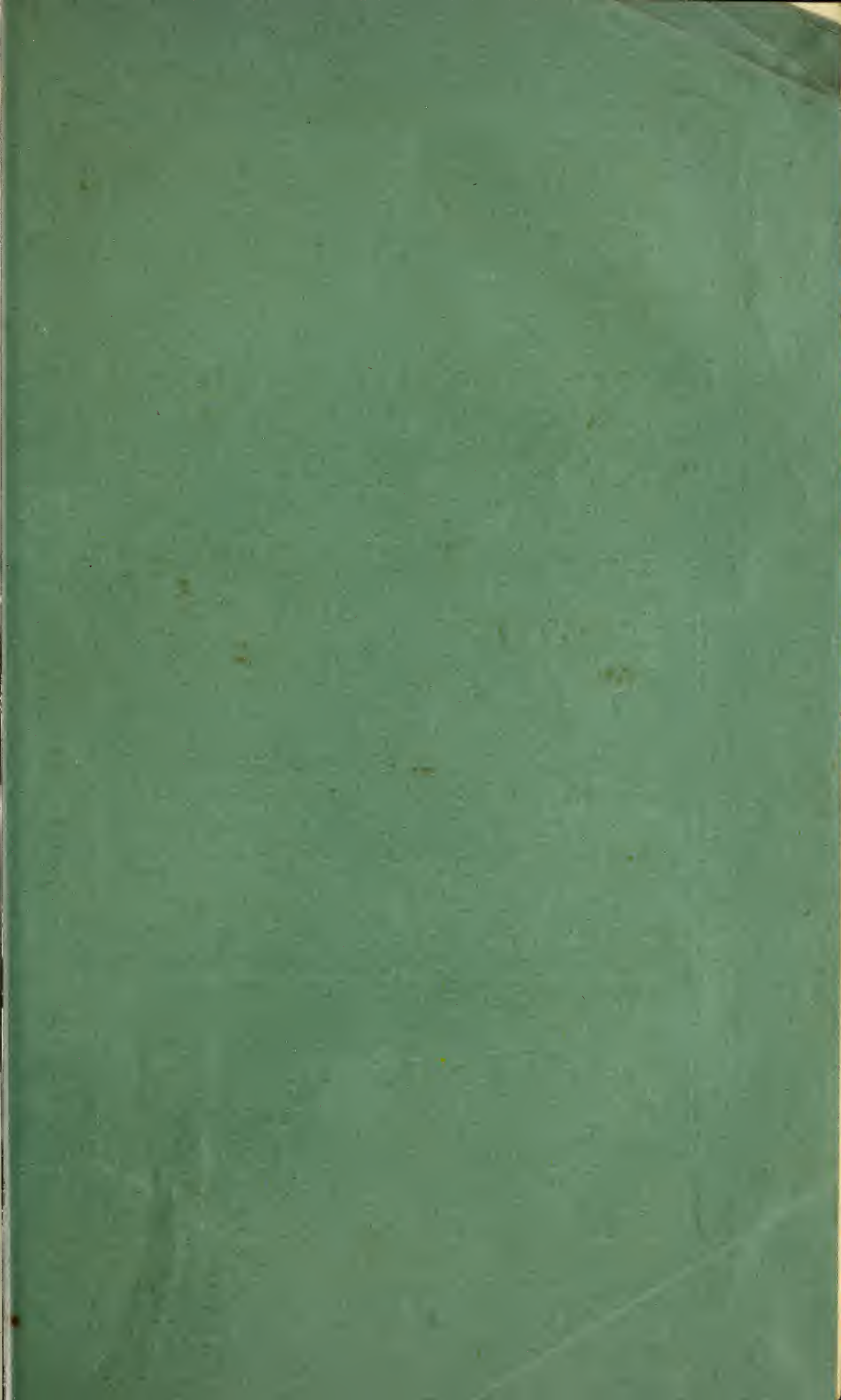
The late Farmington turnpike road runs on the north side of lot 42, the Pantry lot, as far as the river, then bears a little south diagonally through the west part of said lot.

SETTLEMENTS IN WEST DIVISION.

The first purchase, with a view to settlement, in West Hartford, was made by Thomas Hosmer, for his son Stephen, in 1679, about half a mile north of the meeting house. John Merrill began his purchases in the same vicinity in 1683. The purchase had reference to a mill, immediately erected where the present mill stands, at the expense of Mr. Hosmer, though probably Mr. Merrill was actively engaged in the work from the first. Mr. Hosmer deeded Mr. Merrill one third of the saw mill and 60 acres of land in 1685. Mills are ever regarded among the first essentials of a new settlement. Between this time and 1730, the Hosmers and Merrills purchased all the land between the Hooker lot south of the mill, and the present highway running west from the intersection of the Albany turnpike road with the street, embracing in all 600 acres, (with the exception of the Haynes lot,) including lots 19 to 23, 25 to 31 and 33.

Lot 19, John Easton sold to Abel Merrills in 1719, most of which was in 1730 converted into a highway.

Lot 20, Paul Peck sold to Zech. Sanford in 1685, and lot 21 Nat. Willet sold to said Sanford in 1692. These were afterwards purchased by Jona. and John



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